

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

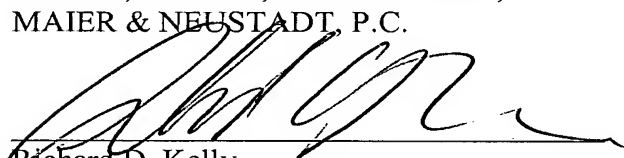
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Claim 15-20 and 22 have been amended without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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